

Northeastern  
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CLASS OF 2024

**GRADUATE  
CELEBRATION**

College of Science  
May 3, 6:00 p.m.

# PROGRAM

## Invocation

Alexander Levering Kern

*Executive Director, Center for Cultural and Spiritual Life*

## Welcome

Jeffrey Agar

*Associate Dean of MS Programs and Lifelong Learning*

## Student Address

Bishwarup Sarkar

*Master of Science in Biotechnology*

## Dean's Address

Hazel Sive

*Dean*

## Recognition of Graduates

## Closing Remarks

Carla Mattos

*Associate Dean of PhD Programs and Graduate Affairs*

# Ceremony Speakers

Hazel Sive  
Dean

Dr. Hazel Sive became Dean of the College of Science, and Professor of Biology at Northeastern University in June 2020. For twenty-eight years prior, she was Professor of Biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Member of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research. She is a research pioneer, award-winning educator and entrepreneur in the higher education space.

For the Northeastern College of Science, Dean Sive has the overarching vision of building excellence in research, education and innovation, with the following goals:

- Build a Diverse College Where Everyone Belongs
- Empower Education Across Learning Communities
- Shift the PhD Paradigm
- Connect Solutions to Crucial Research Challenges
- Promote a Successful Faculty
- Construct a Framework for Growth

A native of South Africa, Dr. Sive received the BSc in Chemistry and Zoology, from University of Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg, South Africa, where she was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2022. She received the PhD from Rockefeller University. Dr. Sive's groundbreaking research focuses on neurodevelopmental disorders, as well as fundamental processes underlying brain and craniofacial development. Recipient of numerous awards, in 2022, Dr. Sive was elected a Fellow of the American Association for Advancement of Science.

Dr. Sive is a distinguished educator, and MacVicar Faculty Fellow, MIT's highest undergraduate teaching accolade. An accomplished leader, Dr. Sive was Associate Dean of the MIT School of Science; Founding Director of the MIT Jameel World Higher Education Lab; and Founding Director of the MIT-Africa Initiative. At Northeastern, Dr. Sive is Chair of the Africa Global Initiative.

## STUDENT SPEAKER

Bishwarup Sarkar

*Master of Science in Biotechnology*

Bishwarup Sarkar is graduating with a master's degree in biotechnology. He is currently on co-op at Moderna, a pharmaceutical and biotechnology company based in Cambridge, MA, that focuses on RNA therapeutics, primarily mRNA vaccines. Sarkar is passionate about research and dedicated to making a meaningful impact on society through science. Outside of work, he enjoys indulging in Bollywood music and exploring culinary delights through cooking.

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